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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: EDITORIAL ROUNDUP JAN 15.

1. COD WAR CONTINUES TO DOMINATE PRESS, BOTH IN NEWS AND EDITORIAL COLUMNS. HAVING PERHAPS SAID ALL THEY COULD ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, THREE GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTING PAPERS HAVE TURNED TO UNDERLYING ISSUE IN DISPUTE AND FOUND LITTLE REASON FOR OPTIMISM.

2. MORGUNBLADID (INDEPENDENCE PARTY) THIS MORNING NOTED IN EDITORIAL THAT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN CURRENT COD WAR BEARS SIMILARITY TO THAT OF 1973. HOWEVER, PAPER WARNED, THERE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO SITUATIONS, AND THERE SHOULD

BE NO EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE QUICK TRANSITION FROM CRISIS TO SETTLEMENT SUCH AS OCCURRED LAST TIME. BASIC DIFFERENCE IS DETERIORATION OF FISH STOCKS AND CONSEQUENT THREAT TO ICELAND'S LIVELIHOOD, EDITORIAL SAID. AS RESULT, ACCORDING TO MORGUNBLADID, BRITISH MUST NOT ONLY WITHDRAW WARSHIPS AS CONDITION FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STATE OF FISH STOCKS IN WAY THAT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO DO LAST FALL.

3. PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S TIMINN STRESSED THAT OUTCOME OF CURRENT COD WAR IS CRITICAL TO ICELAND'S FUTURE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. EXPERTS HAD CONCLUDED THAT CONDITION OF FISH STOCKS WAS SUCH THAT THERE WAS NO EXCESS COD AVAILABLE BEYOND THAT WHICH ICELAND ITSELF COULD TAKE. FACED WITH THIS STARK REALITY, ICELANDERS WERE LOOKING TO FRIENDS AND ALLIES FOR HELP IN OBTAINING JUST SOLUTION. RESPONSE OF ALLIES WOULD DETERMINE FUTURE ATTITUDE OF ICELANDERS TOWARD THEM.

4. INDEPENDENCE PARTY-AFFILIATED VISIR ASSERTED IN JANUARY 14 EDITORIAL THAT ICELANDERS WOULD NOT BE PRESSURED INTO SETTLEMENT BY MILITARY FORCE. "GOI HAD ALREADY GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS BROKE OFF LAST NOVEMBER," VISIR SAID. "GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED THAT ITS PROPOSALS (OF LAST FALL) NO LONGER STAND...UK HAS SERIOUSLY HURT ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION THROUGH ITS AGGRESSION ON FISHING GROUNDS." IRVING

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